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When Taft Is at His Desk.

The Taft boom had things all its own

way in the columns of the Abingdon (Va.) Republican last week. On the first page Taft is "our next President," on the sec ond he carries the State of Virginia, on the third he captures the Floyd County delegates, and on the last page he is seen gazing out into the future, hearing the "rumble of millions of voters beyond." There is a long interview with a cosmic being, in Mr. Hitchcock's best vein, wherein we get a glimpse of Greatness:

"He is a tawny, sunburned, lecoine giant, with the hearty laugh of a Gloucester boatman; a learned and apostolic head, with the story of a kindly life written in genial wrinkles on his face.

"He has a military mustache and a bull neck. a glance kindly but penetrating. His hands are together he is a big and ageless man, having about him an atmosphere of activity and ambition.

He does things quickly and quietly and decisively. impressed with the conviction that he is a very arge wheel in the complicated machinery of the gov-

"In profile he looks enough like the American eagle to be the proud bird of freedom's twin brother. his eyes blue and keen.

This personage was discovered in the city of Washington, on March 22. "beevidently a rare occasion. We learn that ever. it is "no trivial matter to approach" this bull-necked giant, with the apostolic head and the beak of an American eagle. Yet, ed a triumph of the interviewer's art.

Twin brother of the proud bird of free- and consider the same. dom! Why rub it in on the other candidates-"this is an advantage possessed by be found a way. Commissioner Macfarno other?" We should think them suf- land, having the will, found and pointed boatman's laugh, the Michael Angelo- failed to see it. esque biceps, the bigness and agelessness of the Superman who now and then giant with the majestic nose.

As the Kaiser doesn't have to be elected interested. to his job, we can't see how the Tweedmouth letter and the Dr. Hill indiscreticn are to be made campaign issues.

Our New Policy in Manchuria

The State Department has adopted an attitude with respect to Chinese sovereignty in Manchuria that promises to be fruitful of international contention. It is significant that in Pekin our position is pretense and flourishing in iniquity need not appeal immediately after the civil war. But the regarded as "intervention" in behalf of Chinese claims to Manchurian territory knows better." and to exclusive exercise of administrative authority therein. But, of course, the preservation of the "open door" and country. the maintenance of equality of opportunity to all nations in competition for

The new policy has been developed by Manchuria any other sovereignty than that of China. In this we have accepted the theory of the Chinese government that its jurisdiction over the whole of Manchuria is unquestioned. So far we have heard nothing of the Japanese side of the affair, but the Russian side has been set forth in cable dispatches from St. Petersburg and in a statement issued by Baron Rosen, the Russian Ambassador to the United States. Briefly, it is Herald is glad its friend in Dixle approves that under the terms of an agreement of the Russo-Chinese Bank, controlling the fairness and clear-headedness. But The Chinese Eastern Railway, with the Chi- Washington Herald does not relish being nese government, the railway authorities classed as either "Northern" or "Easthave the right of administration in the territory leased by them. This agreement appears to have been interpreted to confer the right to establish Russian municipalities along the railroad right of way. enjoying, as Baron Rosen says, an extraterritorial independence of Chinese jurisdiction. The Russian Ambassador asserts that the principle of Chinese sovereignty is in no way involved in the organization of municipal administration in the Rusalong the line of the railway, but evithat if the Russian contention were acthe same right of establishing extraterritorial colonies enjoyed by the Russians. with the ultimate consequence of greatly diminishing the sphere of Chinese sovereignty throughout that portion of Manchuria traversed by the railway, which is partly under Russian and partly under Japanese control. Our "Intervention" in behalf of Chinese

sovereignty in Manchuria marks a considerable development of the "open door" policy in the Orient. In times gone by we have shown a disposition to acquiesce in the spheres of influence and other arrangements by which other powers have exercised a quasi-sovereignty over vaexercised a quasi-sovereignty over va-rious portions of Chinese territory, pro-Times-Dispatch. We decline to comment, holds, vided no discrimination were made against American trade. This was Mr. Hay's attitude in 1900. In 1905, however, A contemporary says "the original Mr. Hay went a step further, and se- 'Merry Widow' has been found." Why, cured the assent of the powers to a re-nunciation of territorial ambitions in meet several thousand of her within the China, thus preventing the dismember- next two or three years, ment of the Celestial Empire that was

China in Manchuria, excepting over the worse, in spite of everything kind-Liao-tung peninsula. Our present dispo- hearted and well-informed ffewspapers sition appears to be to insist that this can do! sovereignty shall be respected by both the evident unwillingness of these na- shifting of hales in this country. tions, acting more or less in concert, to let go the grip they now have on that ance of foreign spheres of influence to ever saw smash his finger with a an equally frank support of Chinese sov-ereignty in territory once-thought to have deaf and dumb! passed completely under the domination

of Russia. Probably our consular protest against Russian local jurisdiction will result in he may not especially mind this. declarations on the part of both Russia and Japan that they have no intention of No attention will be paid to anonymous impairing the sovereign rights of China cating female umpires. That would insure the editor will be printed except over the already come from St. Petersburg, and is theoretically and actually. echoed by Baron Rosen, who considers the whole matter a local complication cathe whole matter a local complication ca-pable of settlement without raising any the Patten—and the populace is delighted; international question. That may prove and well it may be, the hotel being a true as to the particular issue between million dollar structure. Moreover, Chatnewspaper, whether for the daily or the our consul and the Russian governor of Sunday issue, should be addressed to Harbin, but the larger issue involved is one that contains possibilities of embroilment of a serious character, and is not more likely to be permanently settled in a satisfactory way by paper declarations of ntention that may or may not carry with them any actual alteration of conditions.

Some day, perhaps, the people may despair of Congress revising the tariff. In that event, it shouldn't surprise us to see the tariff revised.

Commemorating Crosby S. Noyes.

At the notable and impressive public meeting on Sunday, when the memory of Crosby S. Noyes was honored in a fitting at once invented, and signal way, both Vice President Fair banks and District Commissioner Mac farland suggested that the great editor's life and achievements should be commemorated in stone or bronze here at the Capital of the Nation. Already these suggestions are bearing fruit. The nucleus of a fund for such a monument or tablet is n hand. Commissioner Macfarland announced his readiness to receive and ac-Under his coat you can imagine Michael Angeloesque knowledge contributions to the worthy object, and the immediate responses clearly bespeak the popularity of the

an active interest in this project, and we than a dozen quiet and modest men, A procession of subalterns flit in and out of his are sure the entire community does or office like seabirds around a lighthouse. You are will. It should be pushed to speedy consummation. Let action be not deferredorganized action. The time to act is now. In commemorating such a man as Crosby S. Noyes, whose life was so inter-This is an advantage possessed by no other Presi- woven with the city's growth and good government, the Capital will likewise He could, with safety; they never go to onor itself and add to its own glory.

"Reformers never get anywhere," says hind a flat-topped desk, littered with pa- Speaker Cannon. Sometimes they get as pers and formidable-looking documents." far as the Speaker; seldom beyond, how-

Race-track Gambling.

The Board of District Commissioners when approached, he "threw up his hands through its president and counsel, has deprecatingly," abjectly surrendering to given District Attorney Baker some law the literary bureau, which quickly achiev- to digest and some cold facts to consider, even if he does not choose to digest

Where there is a will usually there is to ficiently handicapped by the Gloucester out the way, but the district attorney

The correspondence on this matter-the sits behind the flat-topped desk aforesaid. to-day, and The Washington Herald com-There is no chance for them at all-in mends it to its readers as worth careful and about Abingdon, anyway. They are perusal. Simultaneously there appears a far in the rear of the tawny, sun-burned speech by Gov. Hughes on the race-track evil, which further illuminates a sub- fast plate. ject in which this Capital City is deeply

> The Philadelphia Public Ledger, editori ally discussing the evil, says:

"There is no reason to believe that in the abse f a coterie of gamblers racing could not flourish. If experience shall show that it cannot be sustained inless devoted to the promotion of crime, better that very race track in the land be closed. The lover of a good horse would have his horse none the le o the public as a legitimate function, for the public

It is gratifying to know that the iniquitous business is flourishing for the been a tremendous increase in the yearly we have intervened principally for our last time in the District of Columbia, own advantage, which is to be found in and is certainly doomed throughout the

"Congressman Hobson now imagines a the refusal of our consuls to recognize in Manchuria any other sovereignts the Congressional recess.

"Washington"-That's All.

In discussing editorially the recent Hef-(Ga.) Herald says:

"Not all Northern papers condemn him. fairer and clearer-headed among them see the matter in its true light. Among these is The Washington Herald, which, in discussing this incident, says," &c. This is all right, and The Washington ern"--nor sectional in any degree, measure, or inclination. It prefers to be classed as a Washington institution,

when it is classified at all. itizenship is largely composed of individtoward any part of this great nation. sian settlements at Harbin and elsewhere had here. There is very little excuse for were planning to consolidate and increase quired speed. Thus the speed of the prejudice or warped conclusions, if one denily that view is not shared either by but exercises intelligent effort to obtain Under this rate, which absolutely pro- the Columbia made 22.81 knots, the Minnethe Chinese or by the American government, or by Germany, whose consul at ment, or by Germany, whose consul at resentatives come to Washington from all made an easy matter, and it has enabled bonuses of \$250,000 and \$400,000, respectively. Harbin has taken the same attitude as the States in the Union. Those who are the manufacturers to maintain their 1y... The ships could not have do our own representative. It is obvious thrown into contact with them soon learn agreement in spite of all that the law of- except at a very light draft, and this was that there is a fine fraternal feeling bindknowledged by the Chinese, the Japanese ing the people of this land into one would have good ground for demanding brotherhood under the Stars and Stripes; that, after all, "Uncle Sam" has a most clever and a most interesting family, af-fectionately disposed and big-hearted, in spats.

> rather not be classed "Northern," "East- and their fatuous policy, ern," or anything else save just "Wash ington." That means everything to us; all-sectional, if you please.

That's the way we feel about Washington; and that's the way we want the nation to feel about it.

"The mayor of Timpson, Tex., gets n however, until we learn whether that is all he gets!

"I have just come from hades," raid From the Baltimore Sun. Russo-Japanese war. The treaty of peace expressly recognized the sovereignty of people, of course, will go from bad to

If under the pure food law it ever Russia and Japan, instead of accepting becomes possible to make spellbinders the situation created in Manchuria by tell the truth, there will be some mighty

"Say, what does a deaf and dumb man Entered as second-class matter, October 5, 1906, at the post-office at Washington, D. C., under act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

do when he smashes his finger with a hammer?" inquires the Montgomery Adfar cry from Mr. Hay's frank acceptive time of the smashes his finger with a hammer?" inquires the Montgomery Adfar cry from Mr. Hay's frank acceptive time. We don't know. Nobody we

> Capt. Oberlin Carter says he is a "sec ond Dreyfus." Dreyfus, however, has had to stand for so many hard things that

A Southern baseball league is advo

Chattanooga has just opened one of the tanooga opines that it may open a few more of the same style, provided it is permitted to serve as the principal oasis for Georgia and Alabama a few years git along wit' dorgs."

The Boston Transcript has discovered an actress who won't pay for certain photographs because they make her appear too pretty. It really does take smart press agent these days to dig up

"Why not let Anna Gould go her way?" asks the Chicago News. going, isn't she?

Still, even should Congress banish mistletoe from the American forest, we believe a satisfactory substitute would be

"A Pennsylvania man has completed a eatchwork quilt with 11,846 pieces," says the Philadelphia Journal. That man, we make a much better job. fear, missed his calling. He should have been a street paving and repairing super-

It appears that there are two coffin trusts, and a bitter warfare is said to be impending between them. Let us hope it will be a fight to the death of both. "William Loeb ir is a very quiet and

modest man," says the Milltown Banner. dea.

This is a mistake. Everybody in Washington knows that Mr. Loeb is not less "Lock me in a room with Boni--," be-

gins de Sagan. With pleasure, prince but, first, will some one please catch "I wouldn't indorse the note of a mock ing bird," says a Kansas City "tightwad."

The Bristol Herald-Courier dubs the

the little." Why not "but loud" also? Tom Watson's Jeffersonian thinks the

Capital should be moved from Washingto o a point farther West. Are the Pop ulists seeking to see just how far ahead of the game they can get with a new A physician has discovered that old age

s caused by a microbe. Who knows but that we may yet run down the old-age-

million germs along its way while walkng across his breakfast plate. It would appear wise to encourage these insects to ly, rather than walk across your break- printed paper, an' yaller an' white metal,

SILVER'S VALUE FALLING. Price of White Metal Cut in Half in Forty Years.

From the Philadelphia Press.

In forty years the average price of silver in both America and Europe has been exactly cut in half. The price of because a lot of grafters had been driven out of the metal at this particular moment is average value of an ounce of silver in 1907 was just half its value in 1868.

During these four decades there has output of silver, as the jump from 43,000,00 o 160,000,000 ounces shows. The greater the production the smaller the price-tha as been the rule.

Up until 1885 silver sold at a premiur war between Japan and England," says that is to say, it was worth more than the Springfield Union. We suppose, how- \$1 an ounce. Now it is about 55 cents. The production of gold has grown far more rapidly than that of silver. For in twenty years it has just about been multiplied by four.

Economists frequently assert that one reason why commodities of all kinds have lin incident in this city, the Augusta in recent years risen to such high points rise so high that I can't pick my place is because of the amazing increase in the volume of gold, which is the world's standard of value. The more gold there is to buy with the more of it must be paid for any given object. That is the theory, but it does not always bear the test of analysis.

INQUIRY A MERE FARCE.

Tariff the Main Prop of the Print Paper Combination. From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

The whole history of the present tariff on paper illustrates the manner in which the principle of protection has been pros-Washington is on the borderland. Its tituted and miscaplied for purposes of extortion and gross abuse. Prior to the uals and families from all sections. It is last revision of the tariff there was pracuals and families from all sections. It is last revision of the tariff there was practically no importation of paper, and so no the purpose. With the upbuildiss only how large the Republican material to this method of enacting laws. The purpose of the direct legislation amendhonest inducement to be broad and liberal need for further protection. Yet in spite ing of our navy, the shipbuilders were of specific warning to the Ways and granted a bonus of \$50,000 for each quar- sentative Longworth, and "the fact is," Every possible shade of opinion is to be Means Committee that the manufacturers ter of a knot in excess of a certain reprices, the tariff was advanced from Columbia and Minneapolls required by ficers of the government could do under the "normal draft" successfully insisted facts, the Speaker has the assurance to propose nothing more than another "in-but the rule then adopted has always fectionately disposed and big-hearted, in against the paper trust. This action had spite of occasional internal domestic cates a very imperfect realization of the whose product must be capable of a certain drift of the times and of the meaning of the drift of the times and of the meaning of the accepted dictionary authorities, is a spin of the work at so the accepted dictionary authorities, is a spin of the meaning of the the signs of growing discontent through-out the country with the "standpatters" tion will

From the Kansas City Times Miss Helen Gould's retrenchment in her From the-Chicago Record-Herald. says the Richmond strict economy in all the Gould house-

> From the Charleston News and Courier state industry not menaced as yet by the globe except the United States? Federal courts.

No Auti-baseball Injunctions.

Just a Friendly Inquiry.

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

HARMLESS HAPPINESS. When skies are dark And damp the park And winds are getting colder, I'm glad, indeed, To get and read

A pleasing steamship folder. The way is plain To sunny Spain. You round Gibraltar's shoulder And reach in time The Grecian clime

As per the steamship folder. Why sit at home When others roam Who are a trifle bolder? Give care the slip Just in the steamship folder.

The New Way. "The duke and the heiress are seen nuch together."

"What of it?" "I think we may safely expect denials of an engagement scon.

Heroes Past and Present. "All yer need is a little judgment to "What's yer system "

"I call em Togo if dey're old dorgs, an' Teddy if dey're pups.' Rialto Humor. "As Romeo, I was over the heads of

'The balcony seen?' A Mixture. Sunshine, snow, and skies agape Together; a sample lot of Ap-

the orchestra chairs. But-"

Ril weather

A Wifely Scheme. "Why nag your husband so about that

carpet? He has agreed to beat it.' "Well, if he's thoroughly irritated, he'll

In the Edibles. "The landlady's daughter has refused to give me a lock of her hair." "Cheer up," said the star boarder. "We other folks at the table will pool our

umulate quite a hank." Quite So. "New thought will beautify the plainest

finds, and I am sure we can soon ac

"That may be, but very few girls are going to give up lotions for notions."

"JUST FROM GEORGIA."

From the Atlanta Constitution BLOWS HOT AND COLD.

You kept the fire blazin' In winter, right to rule, An' now the weather's sayin': 'Keep cool, my friend; keep cool!"

You kept the coal trust goin', An' so was Fortune's fool, An' now the ice trust hits you: "Keep cool, my friend; keep cool!"

See-saw life forever! When it turns out school You'll hear ol' Satan sayin': 'Keep cool my friend: keep cool!"

The Old Philosopher, A Berlin scientist says one fly left over havin' it, you 'twixt the devil an' the rest on a Sunday. It ain't nuthin' but an' yit, the worl' almost stops turnin' it's as deceivin' as Satan hisse'f, though must say that jest about this time I'd

A CHARACTER.

Never nuthin' like him Any time o' day, Lightnin' didn't strike him Kase he kept out of its way!

Knowed that wrong would never In the deepest darkness Saw the dawn o' light.

Still he kept a-goin' Through the stormy blast, Knowed that heaven wuz owin' The weary rest at last!

Too High for Him. When they tried to get the Billville itizen to go up in the balloon, he said:

not half as blue as the poets who cannot past politics of the Empire State. find a market for their spring songs.

Memories.

to fall!

Birds singing in the blossoms! Rivers rippling in melody; Green meadows, and white clouds In a bright bend of blue; The breath of dew-wet violets And then-dreams! dreams! And O for a lost springtime And love that is only memory

Why the Armor Belt Is Low. From Army and Navy Life.

The term "normal draft" was invented solely for the benefit of shipbuilders, and the anti-trust law. In the face of these upon by the shipbuilders. The evil of this quiry" into the evidence possessed by the been clung to. Speed bonuses have long the-shipbuilder term

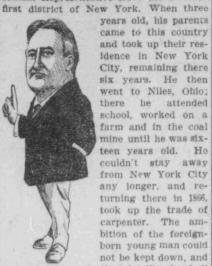
A South American City.

numerous benefactions she attributes to How does it strike the American people "present financial conditions." The pros- to read that Buencs Ayres has a popula- From the Detroit Journal. pect of having another "nobleman" in the tion of over 1,000,000, and that it has a family is enough to start a period of finer system of docks and wharves, a statesman. Yesterday he left the Duke Irish, Scotch, English, and Dutch blood in more costly and beautiful opera house, a of the Abruzzi dowry controversy long his veins. He would get a fairish Ameriiarger club, and a more extensive newsenough to introduce a bill to keep railcan vete as well. paper plant than any city in the United road presidents out of jaff until 1910. States, and that at the wharves may be seen scores of merchant vessels flying Interstate baseball is the only inter- the flag of every important nation on the

> Material Nearer Home. From the Philadelphia North American.

CAPITOL GOSSIP.

From Drumore, County of Down, in the North of Ireland, hails Hon. Samuel Mc-Millan, Representative from the Twenty-



ty, embarked in business for himself. His success from that time was phenome nal in the business world. At the age of twenty-four he was elected a director in the West Side Bank; and at the present time is vice president of the Bronx-Borough Bank and of the Washington Savings Bank, and director of the Mutual Bank of New York City. He is also vic president of the Ryan-Parker Construcion Company, contractors for the Mannattan Bridge over the East River from New York to Brooklyn.

Under Mayor Strong's administration, Mr. McMillan was for three years president of the board of park commissioners, and for twelve years prior to that was a member of the board of examiners of the building department, New York City. This is his first Congress, winning his election after a hard fight against the Democratic and Independence League can-

Representative McMillan is on the District of Columbia Committee, and his service under the city government of New York makes him a valuable member of the committee. He is also on Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures.

. . . . The members of the House Committee on Banking and Currency are playing diabolo with the Aldrich currency bill. It is not known when it will be reported, but when it is, its passage is assured, with some amendments. The La Follette amendment will be stricken out, but the Riley, and comeamendment of Senator Nelson relating to a tax of 1 per cent to be paid by the Where all the friends of your youth are genenoney, will stand. That is, the matter Run of a tax will stand, but it is barely possible that the House committee will slighty reduct the amount of tax to be paid. Representative Fowler, the chairman of committee, is still in love with his Stay bill, and thinks it would pass, but he is You, Divine, with Your merciful eyes measure as prepared by him.

n having the Oklahoma flag bill passed in the Senate. It will be remembered that a flag with forty-six stars flew from the House flagstaff weeks ago, and it should Mr. Cannon Was Then on Other Side "Well," said the old philosopher, "I not have been unfurled until July 4. don't see much difference in havin' money A number of Senators quizzed the blind From the Philadelphia Record. an' in not havin' it. When people know Senator about the untimely occurrence, It appears that a man named Parker created the bulk of the anti-Bryan sentiment in the late Populist national constitution. Is that name to be Democracy's they're got agin you an' try to get it, when people know you hain't got the untilled the difference, and has a majority should be omnipotent and highest offices? Were they known before that a flag had been made and flown before that a flag had been made and flown before that a flag had been made and flown before they were selected? "Another point in favor of Johnson is fore the lawful time, he answered: "That deeps that a majority should be omnipotent and highest offices? Were they known before that a flag had been made and flown before they were selected? "Another point in favor of Johnson is fore the lawful time, he answered: "That deeps they were selected? "Another point in favor of Johnson is fore the lawful time, he answered: "That deeps they were selected? "Another point in favor of Johnson is they were selected? "Another point in favor of Johnson is fore the lawful time, he answered: "That deeps they were selected? "Another point in favor of Johnson is they were selected? "Another point in favor of Johnson is fore the lawful time, he answered: "That deeps they were selected? "Another point in favor of Johnson is they were selected? "Another point in favor of Johnson is they were selected? "Another point in favor of Johnson is they were selected? "Another point in favor of Johnson is they were selected?" "Another point in favor of Johnson is they were selected? "Another point in favor of Johnson is they were selected?" "Another point in favor of Johnson is they were selected? "Another point in favor of Johnson is they were selected?" "Another point in favor of Johnson is the whole before the lawful time, he answered the bulk of the anti-Bryan sent the whole before the lawful time he and the whole before the lawful time he and the bulk of the anti-Bryan sent the lawful time he and the bulk of the anti-Bryan sent the lawful time he and the bulk of the ant they've got agin you an' try to get it doesn't make any difference, and has ness for two months with no rules at all anyhow.' So, you see, it's a mortal worry nothing to do with this matter; the star

havin' it, you 'twixt the devil an' the deep sea six days out of the week, an' no in his answers to questions, and displays by the small Republican majority from "Every Democrat knows at

The effect of the letters sent out Sunday roun' to look at it! It says it'll be a by the party "whips" was apparent in the power to declare a quorum present friend to you, an' then don't stay with the House of Representatives. Nearly though the vote did not disclose it, and like to see the deception of it come my absentee list of only ninety members, at their head, were unwilling to make way. Sich is human natur, fer which we ain't responsible!"

Not only that, but every one seemed to be busy and on the jump. It was hustle cedure. While the House was in this Col. Boyd Anderson, a British railway

Senators Platt and Depew were in their accustomed seats in the Senate vesterday. They have just returned from New York, and felt extremely good over the ovation they received at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, incident to the passing of the famous "Amen Corner." It took them back to days of yore, when the boss' word went. In that famous hostelry and at that historic spot, governors were made, legislation outlined, directed, and passed, candidates for President considered, and orders sent to the various lieutenants to do the bidding of the "Big Four" of New 'No. I reckon not. High livin' never York State. That has passed, and the in did agree with me, an' I never want to fluence of the old man has waned, but the Great weather, this! But the skies are counting some of the inside secrets of the

tor was acting as host to Hon. Seth Low at the Capitol yesterday.

He says the statements about political a few of the bills and mark their ballots conditions in the Buckeye State, recently

put in circulation, are misleading. "The question is, not whether the Republicans will carry Ohio; the question jority in the State will be," said Reprehe added. "that the Republicanism of any man in Ohio who does not support Secretary Taft for President may be and desired. Such was the idea upon fairly described as questionable. Ohio which was based the provision that bills about \$5 a ton to the present rate of \$6. contract was 21 knots. On the trial trip has always stood by her favorite sons. We are proud to vote for a son of Ohio per cent of the voters of the State, and for President, and when the time comes it was assumed that these petitions all the Republicans and a good many Democrats of the State will vote for Secretary Taft.

Not a Real Filibuster.

Leader John Sharp Williams is correct. He is an accomplished scholar and linthat one of the results of this investiga-tion will be to do away with this unreal. Williams is no such person. He is mere-lineary to the state sign the petitions because it is ncongruous, and meaningless-except-to-the-shipbuilder term.

Williams is no sach person. He is there-ly shaking things up, and making the easier to do so than to refuse, and in a dull routine of Congressional proceedings large majority of instances they sign more than ordinarily lively and entertain- without first reading the measure at-

Senatorial Versatility.

Fatal at All Ranges. From the Atlanta Georgian, business-and he is about the deadliest of hat. the bunch, too,

Riches Not Everything. Riches and domestic felicity are not in-

THE OPTIMIST.

The other night'a clever entertainer

have-been." In some ways "if" is one of the saddest City, remaining there words in the English language. There six years. He then is not one of us, but looking back may went to Niles, Ohio; see that "if" we had only-what is it? there he attended The word we might have spoken and did school, worked on a not; the deed we might have done and fare, no matter what his critics say farm and in the coal stayed our hands; the unkindness we about him. mine until he was six- might have avoided and yet did not reteen years old. He frain-hours will come to the best of us couldn't stay away when, thinking on these things, we shall from New York City find ourselves crying: "Ah, if-!"

Where is the one who hath not had Some anguish-trial, long gone by, Steal, specter-like, all dark and sad On busy thought, till the full eye And aching breast betray'd too well The past still held undying spell.

And yet, sad as it is to think of all that might have been, if-optimism will though toiling hard all help us to find in the very mistakes of REPRESENTATIVE MEMILIAN day, he studied archi- the past, strength that shall help us to State for eight years, and we have clean-INDUCEMBLE IN THE INC. And the age of twen- live the future more nobly and usefully ed up and driven out of the State every and, it follows, happily,

Young, in his "Night Thoughts," caught the right value of retrospection:

When we turn away in our thoughts public health. rom what might have been except for what is depressing and doubtful in the them. I shall exhaust every legal meastime that was. In short, through right thinking about this little word "if" we come to hope, that stimulus to high en-deavor and to honest work. As Lew better grade. Wallace said in "Ben Hur:"

on, blighting to the best impulses that paint was pure. the human soul may know. It is not good for man to dwell long in State law as regards pure paints. I de-

Will laugh sgain as he used to do, Running to meet you, with such a face As lights like a moon the wondrous place Where God is living, and glad to live. Since He is the Master and may forgive.

Out of the hitherwhere into the Yon! only one of a very few in favor of the measure as prepared by him.

Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, succeeded

Looking down from the far-away skies—
Smile upon us, and reach and take Our worn souls home for the old home's sake—
And so, amen—for our all seems gone
Out of the hitherwhere into the Yon.

WHEN REED RULED.

of Controversy,

except common parliamentary law and in every State of the Union. They are enormous increase of power, including to defeat? It is poor business every seat was taken, and the vote on the members of his own party, with Mr. have little idea of the tremendous pace the employers' liability bill showed an Cannon, then of the Committee on Rules, at which the railway system of Rhodesia and bustle everywhere, each side watch- anomalous condition of having rules or engineer of Cape Town, Africa, at the ing for an advantage. If such a state not, according to the varying necessities New Willard, last night. of affairs keeps up, something will be done, and done quickly.

Of the Republican majority, a contested election case came up. These cases are Mr. Anderson, "has been the progress of fight, and it sustained him. dent having been established, the "Reed revolutionized. rules" were easily adopted.

REFERENDUM IN PRACTICE. Method by Which Measures Are

Brought Forward in Oregon. From the Portland Oregonian The most serious fault found with the initiative and referendum is the fre- Rhodesia was equal to the distance bequency with which resort is being had to applause he received when he entered the that method of securing legislation. And last year, the mileage administered repre this is a fault of no small importance. At sented the distance from London to the the coming election the people of Oregon | Suez Canal. will be called upon to express their views Senator Depew told the boys gathered upon nineteen measures, many of which around many interesting things about how it was done in days gone by. The Sena-The Sena- ple generally cannot possibly understand them. The average workingman, or business man, for that matter, cannot, or will this railway expansion is not less striking not, take the time to study all these Representative Nicholas Longworth is, measures so that he may understand their England. I don't think I am wrong when naturally, very sanguine of Secretary purpose and effect. While a few voters Taft's success at Chicago, and likewise of will vote intelligently upon all, the great his ability to carry Ohio in November. majority will vote understandingly upon

> blindly as to the others, The initiative and referendum is being grossly abused. It was never intended that there should be such frequent resort ment was to give the people the power to legislate for themselves in the few and important instances in which the legislature refused to enact the laws needed of Lompoc.' could be proposed by petition of a certain would not be filed unless the subject matter was of so great importance and interest that the people would spon-taneously demand the submission of the neasure and voluntarily prepare and sign the petitions.

But in practice a different plan of operation has developed. tached to the petition

Mighty Good American, Too. From the Minneapolis Journ Senator Elkins is a busy and versatile Gov. Hughes, of New York, has Welsh

> A Masterplece. From the Philadelphia Public Ledger,

> > Cheap as Ever.

From the New York Mail. In spite of the increased cost of living, effort to secure the legislation that will it costs no more this year to dream about do something to help them through the summer vacations than it ever did.

AT THE HOTELS.

"The feeling out in North Dakota is all sang a song before a Washington audi- for Roosevelt," said Prof. E. F. Ladd, ence-a song based on that little word chemist of the State Agricultural College if," which, carrying us back through and State pure food inspector of North the years of lost opportunity, leads us Dakota, at the Shoreham yesterday. Dr. forward in thought to the land of "might- Ladd registers from Fargo, and says that

not only North Dakota, but every Western State is for Roosevelt. "The policy of the Roosevelt administration is heartily indorsed by the people of our State. Whatever he has done or tried to do has been for the public wel-

"He is a thorough American, patriotic, honest, sincere, and fearless. He has the moral courage to act independently of

the political leaders of his party. "He does not elevate the interests of his party above the interests of the country. "Roosevelt is our choice. If there must be a second choice, it is Taft, because he is Roosevelt's selection. If he is good enough for Roosevelt, he certainly is good

enough for me. "North Dakota has been a pure-food fake and adulterated article. There is little or practically no infraction of the pure-food law now in our State. I am "Tis greatly wise to talk with our past hours.
And ask them what report they're borne to heaven.
And how they might have borne more welcome news.
Their answers form what men experience call:
If wisdom's friend, her best; if not, worst foe. trying to stop this, as it is against the

from what might have been except for "About 90 per cent of all the flours in that fatal "if," we must turn inevitably the market is bleached. The ingredients to that quality of hope which is God-im- used in the process are detrimental to planted in our breasts; which bids look health. The people who own the bleach-toward the time to come and larger ing process appealed to the courts to entoward the time to come, and ignore join me from enforcing the law against

ure to stop the practice

Hope deals with the future; now and the past are but servants that wait on her with impulse and suggestive circumstances. * * The wonder is, not that things so purely imaginative as the results she points us to can make us so happy, but that we can receive them as so real. They must be as gorgeous poppies under the influence of which, under the crimson and purple and gold, reason lies down the while and is not. "I am also here in the interest of a poor paint which is sold to consumers not Retrospection is only good for a man only ruins the houses that are treated when he indulges in it optimistically. With it, but makes them look badly and Otherwise it is depressing, killing ambicheap. This would not be the case if the

The mail-order houses escape hat hitherwhere of the life he has lived. sire to have Congress pass a national law He should obey the injunction of that forbidding the sale of poor paint under sunny poet of Indiana, James Whitcomb the title of good paint. Every paint pot should contain on the outside tion of the component parts of the paint. That would protect the public. Randolph T, Ellers, of Minneapolis,

Minn., a prominent lawyer, is registered at the Raleigh. Mr. Ellers is here on business before the departments. Speaking of the political situation in Minnesota, Mr. Ellers said he was in

favor of Johnson for President. "Johnson is a man like Lincoln, and has many points in common with him," continued Mr. Ellers. "He is unostentatious and kind hearted and a great friend of the poor. He understands the great mass of the people better than any ther man in the United States.

n the alleged grounds that he was not The Cannon, Payne, and Dalzell idea is dark horses in history that attained the

"I heard some people object to Johnson

"Every Democrat knows at heart that some impatience when interrupted in his time to time, as it served its purpose. The Bryan is forcing himself on the party, reason there were no rules was that and that the rank and file does not want Speaker Reed was trying to secure an him. Why should they be asked to again energous increase of power inclusion vote for a man who has led them twice

"The majority of people in America

always decided in accordance with party railway construction, with the result that interests, and not the evidence. The Democrats filibustered by breaking a quorum; Speaker Reed declared a quorum of British enterprise has been wonderpresent; the Republican majority could fully promoted, and the means of comnot very well desert its own Speaker in a munication and transport within Rho-The prece- desia's own borders have been absolutely

> "In 1890, only eighteen years ago, the ourney from the rail head at Kimberley to the Zambesi occupied from six to ine months by wagon transport. the journey from London to the Victoria Falls can be performed in twenty-one

"In 1896, only a dozen years since, the tween London and Southampton; whereas, "In other words, within these twelve years the railway mileage had increased from about ninety-six miles to about 2,000 miles, or about one-eleventh of the

railway mileage of the United Kingdom

The growth of traffic which has followed

There is a great future in Africa for I prophesy that England will in the ourse of time, own every particle of Africa, including the Congo, the French, German, Italian, and other possessions. "That, at least, is the dream of the British empire builders, of which I am "When I was campaigning one fall down n the sunny Southland, where the air is

freighted with the fragrance of the orange and the fig, I spent an afternoon and evening in the beautiful little town Attorney William G. Shortlidge, of San Francisco, Cal., recited this little story at

La Normandie last night. "Tied to a post in front of the watering trough on the main street." continued Mr. Shortlidge, bringing his elequent left hand into full play, "was a saddle herse, sad-dled and bridled, with a piece of paper

tied to its forelock to indicate that it was 'How much for the horse?" asked the fellow who conducted the general merchandise store, and who was known as a sharp trader

'Sixty-five dollars,' said its owner "'Including the saddle and bridle?'
"'Just as it stands tied to the post.' saddle and bridle?

"'What!' exclaimed the country merchant with amazement, 'Fifty-five dollars just for an empty horse? Remember the Poor Filining.

It is difficult to get Congressmen to give a moment's thought to the Philippines at

From the Chicago Tribune

any time. The islands are so far from their districts. It is particularly difficult to make Congressmen remember on the eve of a Presidential campaign that there are In asserting that there is no art in this 8,000,000 people in the Philippines who The noiseless politician has long been in country. Prof. Zueblin slights the spring are entitled to some consideration in spite of the fact that they are not voters. But there ought to be a few men in Congress who have sufficient interest in the welfare of those 8,000,000 people to make a serious coming two years of hard times.